No 76.

Resolution in favor of Samuel Graham.

Passed Mar. 10,1858

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Anne Arundel court, be and they are hereby directed to levy such a sum on said county, as the county court may estimate to be the value of a slave of Samuel Graham, of said county, convicted of burglary, and sentenced to the penitentiary as a freeman, by the name Josh Williams, and the said sum is hereby directed to be paid by the collector of the tax of Anne Arundel county, to the said Samuel Graham.

Further resolved, That the governor, be and he is hereby authorised and requested to order, by such agent as he may appoint, the sale of said negro, requiring of the purchaser bond with security, that the said negro shall be transported out of the state, and directing said agent to pay to the collector of the taxes of Anne Arundel county, such sum as may be raised on the sale of said negro: Provided however, that these resolutions shall have no effect, until by verdict of a jury, summoned under the direction of Anne Arundel county court, and the judgment of said court, or of the court of appeals, as hereinafter mentioned, on a case to be stated and docketed between said Graham and said negro, by or under direction of said county court, and to be tried as cases of petition for freedom are triable, the said negro shall be determined to be the slave, for life, of said Graham, the said county court assigning counsel for such negro for such trial; and either party, by his counsel, may appeal from the judgment of the county court within thirty days thereafter, to the court of appeals; which court shall, at the first term thereof, to which the case shall be transmitted, adjudge and determine the same.

No. 77

Resolution in favour of James Bluer, a Soldier of the Re- Passed Man. 10,123 volutionary War.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore, pay to James Bluer, of Frederick county, or to his order, during life, in quarter yearly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, in consideration of the services rendered by him during the revolutionary war.